

Christmas Presents

Tam O'Shanter, Toques and Toboggans . . . 25c and 50c
Winter Caps . . . 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00
Soft and Stiff Hats . . . from 50c to 3.00
Men's and Boys' dress and heavy working Gloves
and Mittens . . . from 25c to 3.00
Ladies' and Misses' Knit Gloves and Mittens . . . 25c, 30c, 50c
Men's and Boys' Plain and Fancy Knit Gloves . . . 25c
Dress Kid Gloves, all shades, silk lined and un-
lined . . . from 1.00 to 1.50
The celebrated Fowles Kid Gloves . . . 1.50
Fleece lined Kid and Mocha and Suede Gloves . . . 50c to 1.50
Fur Driving Gloves . . . from 1.00 to 3.00
Suspenders for men and boys . . . 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Fancy Boxed Suspenders . . . 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50
Fancy Arm Elastics . . . 10c, 15c, 25c
Hose Supporters . . . 15c and 25c
Collars, all linen . . . 15c, two for 25c
Cuffs . . . 15c and 25c
Night Shirts . . . 50c, 75c, 1.00
Working Shirts . . . 25c and 50c
Plain and fancy Dress Shirts . . . 30c, 50c, 75c, 98c

Jersey and Flannel Shirts, all colors and styles . . . 50c to 2.50
Cardigan Jackets . . . 1.00 to 3.50
Men's, Boys, Children's and Ladies' Sweaters . . . 50c to 4.00
Men's and Boys' Underwear . . . from 25c to 1.00
Choice Neckwear for men, boys and children . . . 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Handkerchiefs, plain white . . . six for 25c; 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
three for 25c; 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Plain and Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs at . . . 15c, 50c, 75c, 1.00
Japanese Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 10c, three for 25c
Genuine Irish Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c
one-half dozen 1.50
Plain and Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs . . . 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00
Muslin Initial Handkerchiefs, 10c, three for 25c
Initial Linen Handkerchiefs, one-half dozen in a
box, 1.00
three for 50c
Rubber Collars, 15c and 25c; Rubber Cuffs . . . 25c
Fancy Vests and plain white . . . 1.00, 1.50, 2.00 and 2.50
Heavy Double-breasted Vests . . . 1.50
Heavy Storm Coats . . . 1.50 to 2.50
Pontiac Jackets . . . from 1.97 to 2.50

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A fancy Box of Handkerchiefs for a Xmas gift at 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50 and 2.00 Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas from 75c to 8.00. Hosiery, plain and fancy, 10c, 15c, 25c. 50c all wool Lasher Hose at 15c, 25c, 50c. Boys' Stockings at 15c and 25c. Latest style Muffs for ladies and gentlemen 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50. Way's Mufflet 50c, all wool, for men, women and children. Cuff Buttons 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00. Collar Buttons 5c and 10c. Necktie Pins 25c, 50c, 75c and 1.00. Shirt Studs, per set, from 25c to 75c. Cuff Holders 10c and 25c.

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BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

E. T. Tuttle of 219 Union street was in Albany Thursday.

Mr and Mrs N. J. Morrissey are in Troy and Albany today on business.

Miss Clara Andrews who has been ill at the home of C. D. Gibson is gaining quite rapidly.

Over 200 people are rehearsing for "King Jollity" every afternoon and evening at the Y. M. C. A.

Chauncey Olcott will make his annual visit to Bennington in May. He will present a new Irish comedy.

Mrs Laura Taylor of Manchester who has been visiting relatives in town, returned to her home Saturday.

Saturday morning was the coldest so far this winter. The thermometer registered from zero to ten below, according to location.

The 20,000 stamps put on sale by the Home Trading Stamp Co. Saturday morning were sold before 9 a. m. There were not half enough to supply the demand.

Rev. C. L. Davenport, of Mandalay, Burma will speak at the Baptist church tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock on "Christmas Eve in Mandalay" stop after the service and see what the Burmese worship.

There will be a special announcement for the Christmas social at the Baptist Sunday school tomorrow which if missed, may be the means of some scholars missing their good time at the supper.

The dance in the S. V. hall Friday night was well attended. About 25 couples were present. Dunn and Lever furnished the music. They will hold another dance on Friday evening December 25th.

Mr and Mrs George H. Fleming are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter Kathryn Marion born December 15. After bringing six sons the stork finally presented the happy mother with a girl.

E. T. Cullinan, formerly of the City market of North Adams, has entered the employ of Harry Willoughby. Mr Cullinan is a meat cutter of wide experience, having been ten years in the business.

Miss E. E. Lyons' school closed Friday with appropriate exercises. Rev F. R. Morris spoke to the children, each one of whom had some part in the Christmas tree which followed. The prizes for scholarship were won by Bessie Oakes, Jessie Burgess, Leslie Hall and Frank Woodward.

A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street dashing the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable safe handy and there's none as good as Buckle's Arnica Salve. Burns, cuts, sores, eczema and piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at Gibson's drug store

Another Gray's Sweet Powders for Children Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure feverishness, bad stomach, teething disorders, move and regulate the bowels and destroy worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. They cover full. At all druggists, 25c. Sample free. Address Allen S. Omsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

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It's where you buy that saves you money; that's the text the sermon will follow. Unlike many sermons, it's brief, free from prosiness and it will do you good. Read it. Wise buying is the root of economy. Right buying is where you save money. When it comes Christmas time and people are looking for gifts there isn't one person in a thousand knows what he is looking for. But on one thing they are all agreed; they want out-of-the-ordinary things—things that they don't see in every little store, and they go where they see that kind. You can buy line of so called Christmas novelties without much trouble at our store. Folks with Christmas goods to buy ought to be getting anxious for the time is getting shorter and shorter. It is always better to buy early when you can. Be sensible about Christmas giving. If you think a person needs something to wear give it to them in the line of Dry Goods. Hundreds of useful articles at attractive prices.

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Estate of Mary A. Lane

Notice of Settlement and Application for Distribution.

STATE OF VERMONT. In Probate Court for the County of Bennington, ss.: I, the Probate Court, do hereby certify that the will of the late Mary A. Lane, deceased, was admitted to probate on the 7th day of Dec. A. D. 1903.

Present, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge. Harlow A. Bottom administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Mary A. Lane, late of Shaftsbury in said District, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for a decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased. Whereupon it is ordered by said court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office aforesaid, on the 25th day of Dec. A. D. 1903, for hearing and decision thereon. And it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all parties interested by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Banner and Reformer, a newspaper published at Bennington, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed, and such decree made.

A record whereof is ordered to be made. A true record. Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge. A true copy of the original record. Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

Estate of John Burke.

Will Presented.

STATE OF VERMONT. ss.: At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Bennington, held at the Probate Office, in Bennington, in said District, on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1903.

Present John V. Carney, Judge. An instrument, purporting to be the last will and Testament of John Burke late of Bennington in said district, deceased, being presented by J. V. D. S. Merrill, for the executor therein named, for probate. It is ordered by said court, that all persons concerned therein, be notified to appear at a session thereof to be held at the Probate Office, in Bennington, in said District, on the 25th day of Dec. A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, against the probate of said will; for which purpose it is further ordered that this order be published three weeks successively in the Banner and Reformer, a newspaper printed at Bennington, in this State, previous to said time of hearing.

By the Court. Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

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LOST! LOST!!

Two fox-hounds—one a female, black and tan, four white feet, answering to name of "Fan." The other a male, yellow ears, white stripe in face, color white and brown, answers to name of "Line." Finder will be rewarded by returning or giving information to

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We think we've got, this year, the nicest line we ever had in our store. Manicure Toilet, Comb and Brush, and Shaving Sets in genuine French stag. Military Brushes in solid ebony and French stag; and the prices are right. We'll save you money on anything in the perfume line. Gift packages at from 25c to \$1.00; and a fine assortment of Cigars put up especially for holiday use from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

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NORTH BENNINGTON

Allen Henry of Yale arrived in town Thursday for the holidays.

George Stein who has been quite ill for a few days is able to be out again.

The graded schools closed Friday afternoon for the holiday vacation.

Loren Bryant and wife expect to spend the holiday season with Mrs. Bryant's parents in St. Thomas, Can.

Mrs C. J. Bruffee left Thursday for her home in Peterboro, N. H., accompanied by her sister, Miss Ida Bruffee who will be absent a few weeks.

On Christmas eve there will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist church as usual. Instead of a concert, this year a supper will be given the children of the Sunday school. All are cordially invited.

Miss Harty, the primary teacher, leaves Saturday for her home in Westford, Vt. Miss Sanderson, the assistant in the high school, goes to her home in Concord, N. H., and Miss Craig spends her vacation with relatives in New Hampshire.

Mrs Timothy McCarthy is quite sick.

The funeral of Deacon Henry Hall took place at the home of his daughter Mrs H. T. Cushman, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Two in one week has

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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

We usually name a good many leading articles that we carry in our stock, but we feel that our patrons and the public in general know that we are the leaders in our line of goods, of any store in Southern Vermont; consequently we feel it is not necessary to enumerate so extensively.

Best Tens of all grades from 15c up to \$1.00 per pound.

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In fact we have everything that heart can desire for Christmas festivities.

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Be sure and get the green stamps as they are from the best company in that line of business.

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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

been called upon to mourn the loss of a deacon. Mr Hall will be sadly missed by the whole community.

ARLINGTON.

Miss Mary Tombs is passing a week in Keene, N. H.

Miss Jessie Tefft was in North Bennington a few days this week.

Miss Mary Thompson who has been home for a few days, returned to Bennington Monday.

Miss Mildred McAuley was in Troy for a few days this week.

Miss Florence Holden is much better.

Work on the town hall is still progressing quite rapidly.

Charles Adams and family of Adams came Friday and will spend the holidays with Mr Adams' people.

Work on the Christmas greens was completed Thursday evening.

Miss Mary Watkins is home for the Christmas holidays.

MANCHESTER CENTRE

The village schools have closed for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Florence Pedlean called on friends here Wednesday.

Miss Myrtle Buffum was in Rutland Wednesday to attend the wedding of her cousin Miss Luella Kenney.

Miss Hanaman wishes to announce a special sale of ladies' and children's hats of fine quality at bargain prices.

Rev R. T. Edwards will preach next Sunday morning on "The few who face the storm," in the evening "From Prison to Palace."

On Sunday morning the 27, the Methodist Sunday School will give a Christmas program entitled, "The new born Hope."

Miss Delia Dupuis a trained nurse, who is with a patient in Port Chester, N. Y., is expected home next week to spend the holidays.

Mrs J. B. Dimond, who has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs E. G. Colvin, returned to her home in Wrentham, Mass., Thursday.

The following pupils of the Barnumville school were perfect in attendance during the past month: Fred and Geo. Johnson, Addie and Louis Gleason, Alice and Andrew Cadovet, Nannie and Herbert Westphalen. Whole number enrolled, thirteen. Average per day, eleven. Those having no marks during the term are: Charles, Addie and Louis Gleason, Alice and Andrew Cadovet, Fred and Geo. Johnson.

Notice.

The 10 cent cash premium we have been giving will be withdrawn after Dec. 19th and Home Trading Stamps will be given instead.

E. L. Nichols.

Bodily pain loses its terror if you've a bottle of Dr Thomas' Electric Oil in the house. Instant relief in cases of burns, cuts, sprains, accidents of any sort.

Christmas evergreen wreaths, 10, 15, and 25 cents each. Rope wreathing, 5 and 7 cents per yard. Christmas trees, 25 and 50 cents. Mail received every day. Address Mrs Clarence S. Morse, R. F. D. 1, Bennington, Vt. Order by mail now. 45c

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you can avoid it. If you hate company you can manage to be alone. But what are you to do if, after taking a few mouthfuls of food, you experience such keen distress you wish you had gone empty and hungry? Why, use Dr David Kennedy's new medicine Cal-cura Solvent, and cure the dyspepsia. Write to the Cal-cura company, Rondout, N. Y., for details and a free sample bottle.

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Jasper Weeks of Dorset was in town on Saturday.

Mrs Cassius Peck of Burlington is a guest of her parents Major and Mrs A. B. Valentine.

Mrs C. R. Seymour for 12 years the president of the Fortnightly was presented recently with a diamond pin by the members of the club in recognition of her faithful services.

One of the pretty Christmas gifts on display are "94" calendars which are the work of Fred D. Burt, an amateur photographer of this village. The illustrations are photographs of local views, taken in different places, one of the finest being that of St. Francis de Sales church with Mt Anthony, and Bennington Battle Monument in the distance. Maurer has them for sale

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